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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

With respect to the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37), Applicants previously filed on March 14, 2006 a "Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance". This is a supplemental comment regarding the Examiner's stated reason for allowing claims.

As noted in Applicants' prior Comment, Applicants do not agree in all respects with the stated reason for allowance. As a further example of why Applicants disagree, the stated reason embodies language that differs in some respects from the actual language of Applicants' claims, and that represents an attempt to paraphrase the recited combinations using terminology and/or language that differs from the specific terminology and language selected by Applicants for use

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in the claims. Applicants believe that the scope and interpretation of the claims should be based on determined by the terminology and language of the claims themselves, rather than on language selected by the Examiner to attempt to paraphrase the recited combinations. Applicants believe that Claims 24, 26 and 28-33 have each been properly allowed., and respectfully submit that the stated reason should not be interpreted to suggest any change in or limitation to the language or scope of any allowed claim.

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